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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An interview of the Examiner and his Supervisor was conducted by the undersigned Attorney at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 21 December 2006 in the above-referenced Patent Application. Responsive to the final Office Action dated 30 October 2006 and the discussion had at the interview, please further amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.